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Vet accused of tossing out clients' dead pets

Bronx veterinarian Andrew Manesis charged after 35 animals found alongside road were linked to his practice Owners had expected bodies to be cremated {page 02}

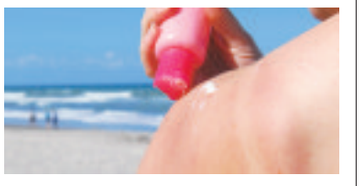
WESTCHESTER COUNTY POLICE

▶ State workers stumbled over the abandoned animals off the Hutchinson River Parkway, but weren't able to link them to Andrew Manesis until they found this cat in a shoebox. Police traced the barcode back to the cat's owner, who told them she brought her cat to Manesis for a "group cremation."

Sports

Devils, Kings start hunt for Stanley Cup

Series begins with Game 1 tonight in Newark Brodeur, Kovalchuk among stars for New Jersey {page 20}



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Police: He dumped pets

Westchester police recover 35 dead animals discarded by side of highway Customers shelled out hundreds to Bronx vet to bury them

Manesis

Quoted

"Most of the detectives that worked on this case are pet owners themselves so they understood that any pet has a special place in their family and that these animals and owners deserved better that what we found."

KIERAN O'LEARY, WESTCHESTER PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

A veterinarian at a Bronx animal hospital is facing several criminal charges after police found bags filled with the bodies of dead animals along a Westchester highway.

Westchester County police said 66-year-old Andrew Manesis of Animal Clinic & Surgery of Throggs Neck bagged at least 35 dead pets and tossed their bodies into the woods off the Hutchinson River Parkway.

Officials suspect even more dead animals may have been heartlessly discarded near the road, their remains yet to be found.

Police said Manesis told owners their animals would be cremated or buried in an area designated for pet remains. State Department of Transportation workers made the grim discovery on April 5 while they were cutting grass in dense brush. Most of the remains were decomposed, police said.

Manesis, a resident of New Canaan, Conn., was charged Friday with two counts of petit larceny, scheme to defraud and violation of environmental conservation law.

Police tracked him down using a bar code from a shoe box containing the body of a cat. Officers subpoenaed the shoe company to obtain the name of the person who made the purchase. That customer turned out to be the owner of the cat, who told police she put the animal in the box after it died of natural causes and brought it to Manesis for a "group cremation."

Pet owners paid the animal clinic as much as $315 to euthanize and/or properly dispose of their pet's remains.

But instead, he dumped the bodies of cats, dogs and a lizard on the side of the road, a spokesman for Westchester County police said.

Calls to the clinic went unanswered yesterday.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY POLICE

This cat is one of the 35 dead pets discovered in the woods off the Hutchinson River Parkway, and police suspect even more animals have yet to be found.

Other victims

Did you use Animal Clinic & Surgery of Throggs Neck?

- Police are still trying to track down some of the owners of the pets that were found.
- "We are hopeful that we will hear from more people now," said Westchester Public Information Officer Kieran O'Leary. "We are interested in speaking with anyone who in the last six to eight months has utilized this practice for this purpose."
- Anyone who paid Animal Clinic & Surgery Of Throggs Neck to euthanize or dispose of an animal, can call Westchester County detectives at 877-220-3560.

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In the news

Crown Heights gang arrested

NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly and Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes will announce today that they nabbed 14 people charged in multiple burglaries in Crown Heights. Cops say that members of a violent street gang used fire escapes to climb into victims' apartments in the area of Brower Park in Crown Heights. METRO/AB

In the news

370

A foot race from Montreal to New York will begin tomorrow. The Esprit de Corps Foundation is hosting a running race from Montreal to New York to raise awareness and funds for single-parent families. Training for the race lasts 16 weeks, preparing participants physically and mentally to run the distance of 370 miles from Canada to New York City. The 140 participants are expected to arrive in Times Square on June 3. METRO

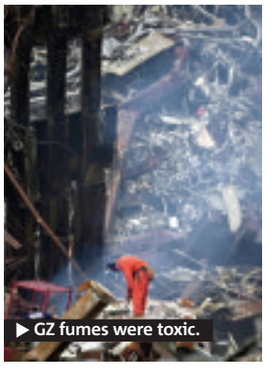
Bloomberg purchases pricey upstate mansion

WESTCHESTER. Mayor Michael Bloomberg has yet another place to call home.

According to The New York Times yesterday, he purchased a 33-acre estate in Westchester last year. This is adding on to his reportedly 35-acre estate in Southampton, and other homes he owns in Colorado, Florida, Bermuda and London.

11 The Westchester properties join the 11 homes Bloomberg owns around the world.

The mayor will likely combine the North Salem, N.Y., estate with an adjacent 20-acre property for his daughter Georgina to use to ride horses. METRO/AB



GZ fumes were toxic.

Expecting an answer on 9/11 cancer coverage

NEW YORK. After years of 9/11 responders insisting that their cancers were caused by toxic Ground Zero fumes, they are expected to finally receive an answer.

Federal officials will decide by Saturday whether to include cancer in the funding allotted by the Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund. In March, a committee advised covering 14 categories of cancer after 9/11 responders testified about getting rare cancers after working in Ground Zero dust. METRO/AB

14 An advisory committee recommended covering 14 categories of cancer for 9/11 victims.

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Inappropriate teachers allowed to return to class

Bloomberg demands more power to fire teachers found guilty of misconduct ◐ Teachers allowed to return to classroom ◐ Mayor calls it 'indefensible'

Mayor Michael Bloomberg railed yesterday against a rule that allows teachers found guilty of having inappropriate relationships with students back in the classroom.

And the city can do nothing about it, he said.

The mayor proposed state legislation that would allow Chancellor Dennis Walcott to decide whether to fire a teacher found to have improper behavior with a student.

Right now, teachers who are suspected of conduct that may be inappropriate, but does not warrant criminal charges — for example, a teacher accused of hugging a student or taking a 15-year-old student to a movie — have a hearing with an outside officer, approved by both the Department of Education and the teachers' union.

That officer then decides whether the teacher is guilty. But the punishment is often not harsh enough, said Bloomberg.

In some cases, he said, teachers found to have inappropriate relationships are fined and allowed to return to class.

200

Walcott said he reviewed 200 cases, finding 24 that "raised concerns" and eight that warranted a harsher punishment.

"It's dangerous; it is indefensible," Bloomberg said. "How can we, as adults, let that teacher go back into the classroom?"

For example, the DOE tried to fire a teacher accused of inappropriately touching female students' buttocks, breasts and waists, according to Bloomberg. But the hearing officer determined that the teacher only hugged and tickled students, dismissing the other charges and imposing a 45-day paid suspension. After that, the teacher returned to teaching.

Another teacher took a 15-year-old student shopping, to the movies, chatted on the phone and was physically affectionate. According to Bloomberg, the hearing officer found "an overly personal and unprofessional relationship." The educator was fined $5,000 and allowed back in class.

In a third case, a teacher told a 17-year-old student, "Baby, when you turn 18 years old, you could come to my home and we can have a real party," according to Bloomberg. Officials tried to fire the teacher, but the hearing officer dismissed all the charges — except calling the student "baby" — and imposed a $1,500 fine.

Michael Mulgrew, president of the United Federation of Teachers, said the legislation gives Walcott "the power to ignore the evidence."

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Hundreds prepared to record, witness USDA geese culling

More people than ever ready to document, should the USDA return to corral more geese in parks to kill

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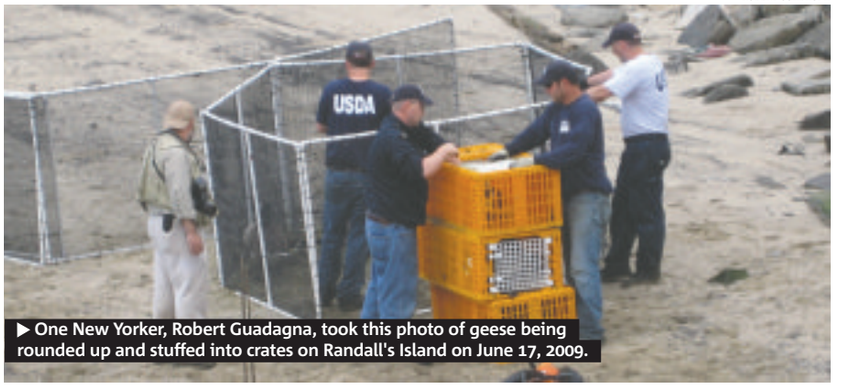

▶ One New Yorker, Robert Guadagna, took this photo of geese being rounded up and stuffed into crates on Randall's Island on June 17, 2009.

Federal agents: If you come back to city parks to kill more geese, they will be ready.

Armed with digital cameras, more than 500 New Yorkers are members of GooseWatchNYC, at the ready to photograph if and when the city's geese will be culled this summer.

GooseWatch was started last year by Brooklynite David Karopkin, 27. He said he started the group after nearly 400 Prospect Park geese were euthanized in 2009. Agents with the U.S. Department of Agriculture started killing geese from city parks after the birds caused the "Miracle on the Hudson" landing in January 2009.

"I made a decision I wasn't going to be in my bed when the USDA came back to Prospect Park," said Karopkin.

He sends his members texts and e-mails letting them know where the agents are spotted. He instructs members of GooseWatch not to interfere with the roundups.

"The only thing we would like to do is capture footage," he said. "So when the USDA claims what they are doing is humane, we can show what they're doing."

USDA agents removed geese from at least 13 city parks last year, ranging from Flushing Meadows Park in Queens to Inwood Hill Park at the tip of Manhattan.

The USDA did not answer when Metro asked if officials are coming back this summer.

"Dates and locations for removal of resident Canada geese have not been developed, are dependent on numerous variables and would not be shared in advance," USDA spokesman Lee Humberg wrote in an e-mail exchange with Karopkin that was posted on the GooseWatch website.

But June and July are the prime months for when the geese can be corralled, because molting season means the birds are sitting ducks.

"That's when the geese are molting," said Karopkin. "They have goslings, they are vulnerable."

Edita Birnkrant, director of Friends of Animals, elaborated: "It's when their new flight feathers are coming in and they can't fly. Both baby geese and adults are stuffed into crates, transported long distances in high heat and slaughtered."

In the past two years, the geese were gassed to death. But last year, the geese were butchered and the meat was given to food banks in Pennsylvania.

Karopkin said there has to be a better way to keep planes safe.

"Unless the plan is literally to kill every single bird, you're never going to reduce the air strikes to zero," he said. "We're just killing birds and crossing our fingers."

For the birds

The USDA has been killing geese within a seven-mile radius of the city's three airports for three years:

- **2009:** 1,235 geese were killed, 368 alone were from Prospect Park.
- **2010:** USDA agents killed 1,509 geese in parks throughout the city and 167 more in Long Island.
- **2011:** 575 Canada geese were removed and killed.

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Facebook drops to new low, shedding $25 billion in value

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▶ Facebook stock dipped below $30 yesterday for the first time.

Facebook shares slid below $29 to a new low yesterday as nervous investors fled the company's shares, concerned about the social network's long-term business prospects and an initial offering price that proved too rich.

Shares of the No. 1 social network fell 10 percent to an all-time low of $28.65, before recovering slightly to $29.01. Since its market debut on May 18, the 8-year-old company has shed approximately $25 billion in value — roughly equivalent to the market capitalization of Morgan Stanley, the lead underwriter of Facebook's IPO.

Wall Street has harbored concerns that Facebook, while boasting nearly a billion users and dominating Internet social-networking, would have difficulty translating its growing presence on smartphones and other mobile devices into revenue. Rivals Google and Apple Inc. are currently more dominant in the mobile arena.

$45

Facebook shares climbed as high as $45 on May 18, when the shares ended the day with a price-earnings ratio of 83.1

"Facebook is in a transition in their business model," Walter Price, of Wells Fargo said. "It was easy to get the first 5 to 10 percent of an advertising budget to try it on Facebook and do some brand advertising, but getting the next 5 to 10 percent, you've got to displace TV and that's a lot more difficult to do.

The IPO produced the worst five-day return among the 10 largest U.S. deals of the past decade. **REUTERS**

Zuckerberg doesn't tip while eating in Rome

He's a multibillionaire, but Mark Zuckerberg has come under fire for his less-than-hospitable

patronage at some restaurants he's visited during his honeymoon. Wait staff at an Italian eatery report that Zuckerberg stiffed them, leaving no tip at all.

Zuckerberg has been traipsing through Italy with new bride Priscilla Chan, trying to fly below the radar as they see the country's tourist sites. However, that proved to be an impossible feat after a tourist spotted the starry-eyed couple gazing up at the Sistine Chapel and tweeted a photo of them. **METRO**

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Opera seen as Facebook fit — but no 'for sale' sign

OSLO. Facebook is under pressure to make money from the increasing number of users who access the social networking site from mobiles, making Norway's Opera a good fit for it, bankers familiar with the technology industry said.

Shares in the mobile browser maker soared by as much as 26 percent on yesterday. Tech blogs reported recently that it was in the sights of Facebook, and while bankers said the company had long been up for sale informally, Opera ruled out interest from the likes of Facebook rivals Google and Yahoo. **REUTERS**

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Obama to 8 states: Leave law behind

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Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Rhode Island received waivers from the law, enacted under former President George W. Bush. In all, 19 states have now have been granted permission to sidestep the statute in exchange for agreeing to elements of the Obama administration's education agenda.

Obama has pledged to change the 10-year-old No Child Left Behind Law, saying its focus on standardized testing dumbs down teaching, narrows school curriculums and labels even high-achieving schools as failing. Republicans — including John Kline, chairman of the House education committee — have said Congress, not the administration, should change the law.

"States must show they are protecting children in order to get flexibility," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement. "These states met that bar."

The states getting waivers would be exempt from the requirement that all students pass achievement tests by 2014 — and make progress toward that goal each year — or risk losing federal funding. Under No Child Left Behind, each state establishes its own proficiency tests and determines what constitutes passing.

Almost half of U.S. public schools are considered failing under the federal No Child Left Behind law, according to a report in December by the Center on Education Policy, a Washington-based nonpartisan research group.

Obama previously excused 11 other states from the law: Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico Oklahoma and Tennessee. **BLOOMBERG**

Europe. Damage

▶ Officials said seven people were missing, trapped under rubble after an earthquake hit in northern Italy yesterday.

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Deadly earthquakes strike Italy

An earthquake killed at least 15 people in northern Italy yesterday, damaging buildings and spreading fear among thousands of residents living in tents after a similarly strong tremor in the same region flattened their homes nine days ago. **REUTERS**

West expels envoys after Syrian bloodshed

BEIRUT. Western powers expelled Syria's envoys yesterday in outrage at a massacre of 108 people, almost half of them children, and peace envoy Kofi Annan urged President Bashar al-Assad to take bold steps to halt the bloodshed as "a tipping point" had been reached.

The killings in the town of Houla drew a chorus of condemnation from around the world, with the United Nations saying entire families were killed in their homes on Friday.

The United States, France, Britain, Canada, Germany, Italy, Spain, Australia and Bulgaria gave Syria's envoys hours or days to leave their capitals in a coordinated move meant to isolate Assad further diplomatically. **REUTERS**

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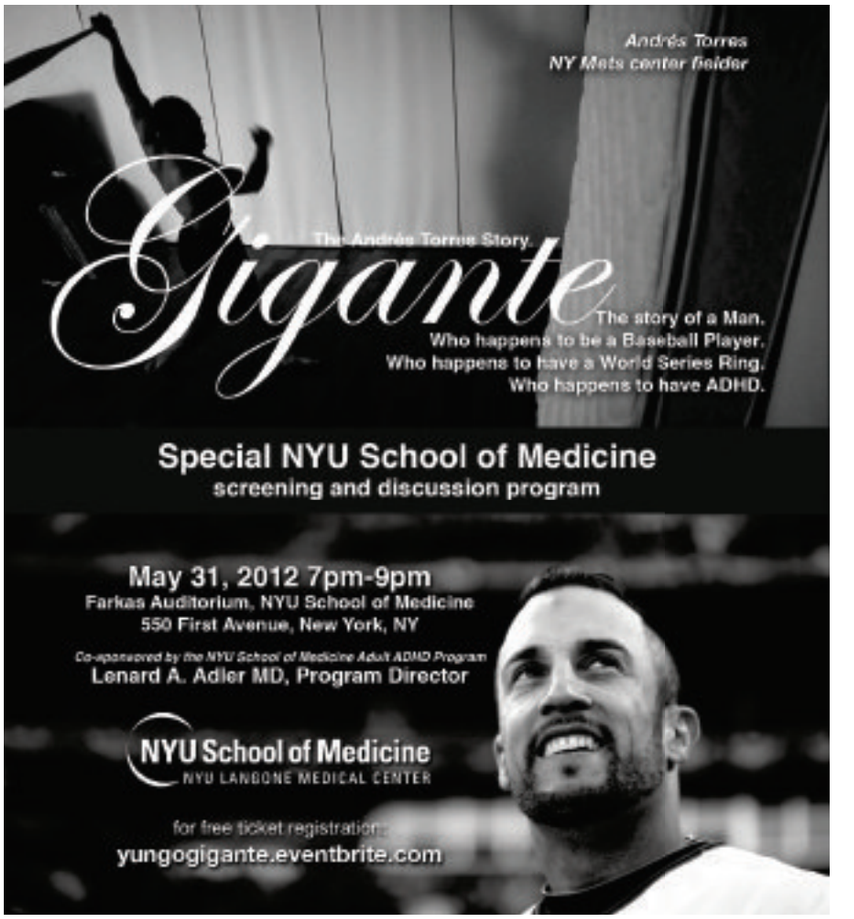
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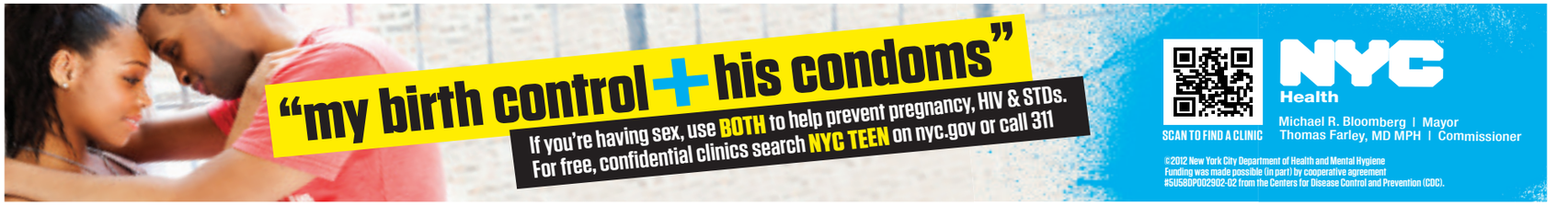
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Mixed message on economy

NEW YORK. U.S. home prices edged higher for the second month in a row in March as the housing recovery picked up traction, while gains in some of the hardest-hit areas suggested the improvement was becoming more broad-based.

But consumer confidence cooled in May to its lowest level in four months, separate data showed yesterday. **REUTERS**

"We are showing signs of breaking out, but these are the signs we saw in previous years that fizzled."
ROBERT SHILLER, YALE ECONOMICS PROFESSOR

Programmer pleads to stealing Fed software

NEW YORK. A Chinese computer programmer pleaded guilty yesterday to stealing software code from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Bo Zhang, 33, was accused of illegally copying the software code to an external hard drive, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. The charge was made public on January 18. Authorities said the software, owned by the U.S. Treasury Department, cost about $9.5 million to develop.

"I knowingly stole and converted to my use an item owned by the United States government valued at more than $1,000," Zhang told U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Dolinger yesterday. **REUTERS**

IRS: Many rich pay no tax

According to new report, number of high-income earners escaping the tax burden is up Important as president battles to pass the Buffett rule

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▶ Paying taxes is so passe.

The percentage of U.S. taxpayers reporting adjusted gross income exceeding $200,000 who paid no U.S. income taxes increased in 2009 to 0.53 percent from 0.51 percent, meaning that one in 189 high-earners avoided taxation, an Internal Revenue Service study found.

The filers reported tax-exempt interest along with deductible charitable contributions, medical expenses and other items to reduce their taxable income. Some avoid the alternative minimum tax, which was created in 1969 in response to a report that 155 people earned $200,000 and paid nothing in taxes.

"High-income returns are more often nontaxable as a result of a combination of reasons — none of which, by itself, would result in nontaxability," the IRS wrote in a report.

The annual report comes amid a debate over the fairness of the U.S. tax code and particularly how it applies to those at the top of the income scale. President Barack Obama has proposed the so-called Buffett rule that would impose a 30 percent minimum tax on high-earners; a congressional proposal implementing the rule set the threshold for the 30 percent tax at $2 million.

The number of high-income households paying no taxes is an indicator of the low rates paid by many high earners, said Matt Gardner, executive director of the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. "When high-income people find ways to avoid paying any income tax at all, they're frequently doing so through tax breaks that some members of Congress and President Obama have sensibly sought to reform," he said. **BLOOMBERG**

10,080
Number of households with adjusted gross income of at least $200,000 annually, or 0.26 percent of high earners, who paid no income taxes in the U.S. or to other countries

35,061
The IRS uses two definitions of income and two of taxation. Using an expanded concept of income that includes some nontaxable items and looking only at U.S. income taxes, there were 35,061 households, or 0.88 percent, that paid nothing.

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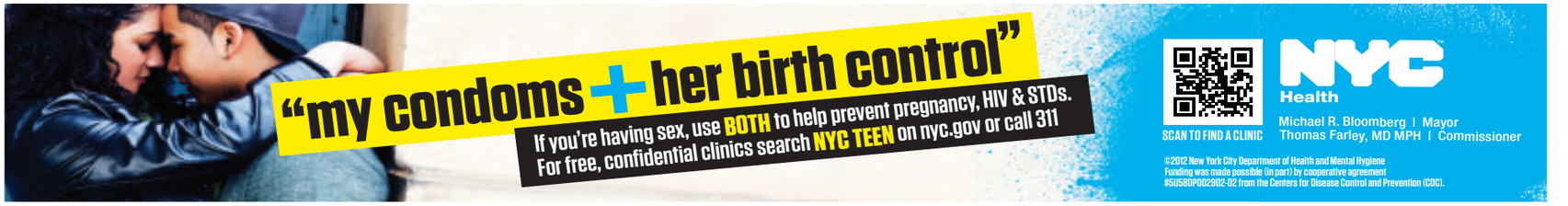
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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

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▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Ben Stiller enjoys filming in NYC, Alec Baldwin has some truly wonderful advice, Mark Ruffalo is a fan of solar power and Patton Oswalt is thankful.

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First time we ever saw this side of Erykah Badu

Flaming Lips frontman **Wayne Coyne** can always be counted on to fulfill a few basic rock 'n' roll needs: providing drastic psychedelic reinterpretations of songs you thought you already knew; teaming up with left-field collaborators that might not make sense on paper, but sound awesome in practice; and tweeting the odd nude photo of himself, somebody he knows or somebody that you know.

Yesterday, Coyne got a hat trick when he tweeted nude photos of **Erykah Badu**, with whom he was shooting a video for a 10-minute cover she did with the Lips of a song that Roberta Flack made famous, "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face."

The photos showed Badu bathing in glitter, covered in blood and generally seeming like a perfect foil to Coyne's weirdness.

God bless the Flaming Lips!

— Pat Healy

WAYNE COYNE/TWITTER

▶ A picture is worth 140 characters: This is one of the more publishable photos that Coyne posted.

Paris Hilton looking to infiltrate

We feared **Paris Hilton** was up to something when the original Famous Blonde Who is Famous started popping up on red carpets this spring. And yes, it seems she was in it for more than the gift bags: Hilton has been in the studio with **Flo Rida**, **LMFAO** and **David Guetta** working on an album that's due this summer, reports Radar Online. "Paris is hoping to appeal to a broader fan base and would love to use the album as a platform for a possible project with MTV," says a source. "Yes, Paris is very successful, and she is about to release her 15th fragrance, but that isn't enough for her."

When Paris Hilton begins to question the meaning of life, no one wins.

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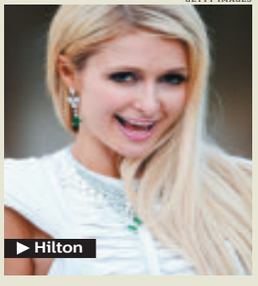

▶ Hilton

Madonna's expressing something

While rehearsing her hit "Express Yourself" for a concert in Tel Aviv over the weekend, **Madonna** mixed things up a little and transitioned eerily, hilariously smoothly into **Lady Gaga**'s "Born This Way."

Like everyone else, Madonna flagged Gaga's song for sounding like a knockoff when it was released, calling it "reductive" and a "wonderful redo" of "Express Yourself."

We're not sure what to think here: Playful peace offering acknowledging that there's room for two, or is this Madonna's severed unicorn head?

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Summer festivals and less-hot lingerie

1. Actor and sometimes singer **John Reilly** was onstage at the Sasquatch! Music Festival in George, Wash., on Monday.

2. Also rocking some summer festival gear at Sasquatch!: **Feist**.

3. Indy 500 champ **Dario Franchitti** and wife **Ashley Judd** celebrated with their pups at Monday's press event.

4. Reality show creature **Katie Price** is promoting her new summer lingerie line. We're not sure what Mr. Jersey Shore is up to.

5. Eva Longoria's "Global Gift Gala" was a charity fundraiser, so we almost let her bedazzled mesh dress slide — almost.

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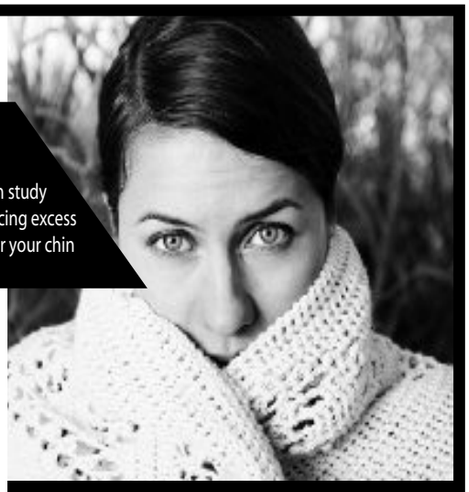

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Let's talk about sex with Maggie Gyllenhaal

With a new film about the first Victorian vibrator, this Brooklynite doesn't shy away from a frank discussion

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Maggie Gyllenhaal plays Charlotte Dalrymple, a woman ahead of her time in Victorian England.

"I've made lots of movies about sex," Maggie Gyllenhaal says soberly. "I feel pretty open and curious and interested. I was surprised to feel as much as I did."

Gyllenhaal is remarking on what happened when she watched her new film along with the crowds at the Toronto Film Festival last year. "I felt like … people [in the audience] were a little hysterical, flushed. I felt that a little bit, too. I was just surprised that we all as a culture are so unused to seeing or talking about women having orgasms. I didn't expect to feel that way."

"I was just surprised that we all as a culture are so unused to seeing or talking about women having orgasms." GYLLENHAAL

Inspired by historical fact, "Hysteria," set in Victorian London, focuses on two doctors who specialize in the treatment of an amorphous female condition called the catch-all term that also serves as the movie's title. Dr. Mortimer Granville (Hugh Dancy) and Dr. Robert Dalrymple (Jonathan Pryce) find that stimulating a "paroxysm" in the female can relieve them of their nervousness, depression or other such feelings of malaise. But the intensity of the work (there are many shots of poor Dr. Granville soaking his hands in ice water) leads the younger doctor to stumble on the invention for the first "personal massager," i.e., vibrator.

Having starred in many a steamy scene, including those of the quirky S&M drama "Secretary," Gyllenhaal has no problem with a candid discussion on sexual politics.

Given that "Hysteria" is released only a few years after Sarah Ruhl's Tony-nominated play "In the Next Room (or The Vibrator Play)" which also covers the topic of Victorian vibrators, she's happy to speculate as to why we're seeing such an interest in that era of sexual repression and awakening.

"Maybe we're just ready to start thinking about women's sexuality and pleasure in a way that we hadn't been before," she offers. "What I keep thinking is interesting is that [these Victorian doctors] in the movie have this really difficult job of walking this line between believing that they are performing a medical procedure that has nothing to do with sexuality. At the same time, people have been having sex since there have been people. Orgasms are associated with sexual pleasure. Like, how dissociative do you have to be to think that this has nothing to do with sex?"

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For Vita's eyes only

Sony's new portable powerhouse hasn't exactly been selling like hotcakes. The reason is as old as gaming itself — there aren't that many cool and exclusive titles. Don't worry, Vita fans. This is about to change in a big way. The games the system was made for are coming. Look! Here's two now:

'Resistance: Burning Skies'
Console: Vita
Company: Sony
Grade: ❶❷❸❹❺
Because of the dual analog sticks, Vita is the first portable system in history to be able to accurately recreate the "feel" of console-based first-person shooters. Aim with one stick and move with the other. "Resistance" is the first big FPS franchise to take advantage of the control scheme, and it's a doozy.

It's all here. The single-player campaign, online multiplayer and room for downloadable content. Everything looks and plays great. It's almost the "Resistance" you know, complete with bloodthirsty aliens and that great 1950s aesthetic. The only problem? The single-player campaign is pretty short. Oh well, just blow up some random bozos online.

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'Gravity Rush'
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One thing Nintendo does well with its portables is create games that can only possibly be played on its systems. Up until now, Vita has sorely lacked in that department. "Gravity Rush" was made from the ground up to take advantage of the system's strengths. At its heart, "Rush" is an open-world sandbox game sort of like "Grand Theft Auto." What it lacks in hooker killing, though, it makes up for with a fantastic new game mechanic. You get around by controlling gravity. Combat can be a pain to master, but everything else controls like butter. Newton is gonna be pissed.

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Rebecca Taylor girls

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Rebecca Taylor, our go-to designer for pretty, feminine ensembles perfect for first dates, anniversaries and meet-the-parents moments, just launched a line for another important part of a woman's life: raising kids. We talk to the designer about keeping kids looking like, well, kids and the new, tougher image of her main line.

Why did you decide to launch a children's line?

I've got two daughters — twins — and they're always wanting to put my clothes on. They are always walking around in my Louboutins. It's so funny how girls are very focused early on what they want to wear. And a lot of people have said, 'Why don't you do kids?' because I think our prints naturally translate into cute little dresses.

Nowadays kids wear skinny jeans. But your silhouettes have an innocent charm to them. Was that a conscious decision?

I think when girls are young they should be dressed like little girls. My girls have only had their hair cut once in their life and it was the tiniest trim. I'm not crazy about little kids looking like adults. I don't like when they wear clothes that are too forward, like mesh tanks and black pants.

You're a Park Slope mom. What trends have you noticed?

That place is crazy with children. I think Crocs are finally making their way out. All the kids are wearing these little glitter TOMS. They have pink glitter, purple glitter, silver glitter — really, really cute.

Are there any kids trends that make you cringe?

A lot of kids are dying their hair now. Maybe I'm old-fashioned. I actually quite like it but I think there's something they have to wait for. You gotta have something to aspire to.

You're opening your third NYC boutique on Madison. How do you balance work with being a mom?

It's nuts. You have to make your kids a priority, like, "All right, it's a quarter to 6, I'll be home by 6:30, kids go to bed at 7." You have to be very rigid, very scheduled, and very productive when you're at the office. Before I had kids, I'd sit around chatting and go out for lunches — but now when you're at the office you're very focused and then you split.

Your main line had a tougher feeling for fall. Are you going to continue in that direction?

Absolutely. It comes from a very genuine space. I'm sort of a tomboy. I'm not a high heels wearing, dressy kind of girl. I wanted the collection to sort of come back to its roots, like little dresses with motorcycle jackets and ankle booties. That's sort of my vibe. For spring it's a little prettier but more in a way that you have this old vintage shirt that your parents picked up in Paris and you're wearing it with your jean jacket and your little leather skirt.

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▶ "When girls are young, they should be dressed like little girls," says Taylor about her new line of sweet dresses for the little ones.

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Protect your skin at any age

The warmth of the summer sun is finally here With it comes exposed skin ripe for sun damage How to stay safe this summer

This year, about 75,000 Americans will be diagnosed with melanoma, the most lethal form of skin cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Are you taking precautions to make sure you're not one of them? We spoke with Dr. Jessica Krant, a board-certified dermatologist in Manhattan, to get advice on how you can prevent skin cancer at any age.

If you're in your 20s:

▶ **Skip the tanning bed.** Young ladies into fake-baking are especially at risk for the dreaded disease. "Skin cancer is on the rise among young women, and melanoma is the most common form of cancer among those aged 25 to 29," Dr. Krant says.

▶ **Protect yourself.** Choose a moisturizer with SPF 30 or higher, and slather it on your face, ears, neck and chest daily.

Dr. Krant recommends lathering up a shot glass's worth of sunscreen 15 minutes before you head out and reapplying every hour or two.

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▶ **Don't forget your diet.** "Eat a well-balanced diet full of brightly colored fruits and dark green, leafy veggies — these are your natural cancer- and wrinkle-fighters," she says.

If you're in your 30s:

▶ **Visit your derm.** Check in for your annual head-to-toe skin cancer screening. "The 30s is when sun damage starts to show itself more," says Dr. Krant.

▶ **Up your sunscreen for those beach days.** "Wear SPF 50 or higher when prolonged sun exposure is expected, with enough broad spectrum protection to cover the damage caused by UVA rays since it's the UVA that is more linked to aging and sun spots," she says.

If you're 40 or older:

▶ **Pick up anti-aging products.** "Topical retinoids — retinol and tretinoin — not only fight wrinkles, but also help regulate healthy cell turnover to prevent DNA damage leading to skin cancer," Dr. Krant says.

▶ **Schedule more screenings.** If you've already been hit with skin cancer, Dr. Krant recommends you get screened twice per year. "Prevention is best, but early detection counts for a lot."

Label confusion

That "waterproof" label does not mean you should lay out all day without reapplying. Marketing jargon can be hard to sift through, and the FDA wants to make sure you're well-informed. Last year, it asked sunscreen manufacturers to change their labels so that consumers would understand just what the product is doing and how often they need to wear it. The sunscreen manufacturers didn't meet the June deadline, so the FDA extended the deadline another six months. In the meantime, how can you pick a sunscreen that you feel good about? Read on for tips from Dr. Krant.

- **SPF refers only to UVB protection.** Look for "broad-spectrum" on the label to get UVA protection against aging as well.
- **Select at least SPF 30 or higher,** and choose water-resistant if you'll be active or swimming.
- **Remember that the protection level** you get only matches the label if you use an entire shot glass's worth of sunscreen on exposed areas at the beach, and reapply every hour or two.
- **Sprays are hard to measure,** so apply a full second coat before considering yourself as protected as the label claims.

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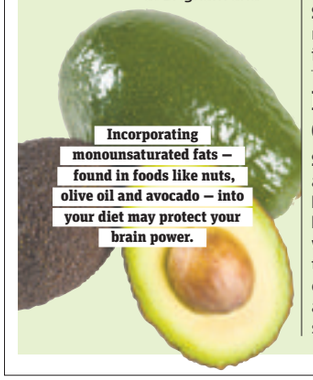
The right fat makes all the difference

Study subjects: 40,000 women, 45 years and older
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A women's health study at Brigham and Women's Hospital found that changes in cognitive function as women aged weren't a result of their total amount of fat intake, but the type of fat. Women in the study who ate the highest amounts of saturated fat — mainly animal fats from red meat and butter — showed worse overall cognition. Women who ate more monounsaturated fats, as found in olive oil, fared better in cognitive testing.
Significance: It's another good reason to reduce bad fats and increase good ones.



Incorporating monounsaturated fats — found in foods like nuts, olive oil and avocado — into your diet may protect your brain power.

New test for detecting arthritis

Study subjects: Dogs with arthritis
Location of study: U.S.
Results: Researchers at the University of Missouri's Comparative Orthopedic Laboratory have developed a test that detects arthritis before patients have symptoms by using joint fluid and isolating specific proteins associated with osteoarthritis.
Significance: "The way I'm seeing the test is, it's going to be most powerful in helping prognosticate or indicate how a patient is going to do after surgery and how they might progress," says researcher Aaron Stoker.

Japanese-American men and vitamin D

Study subjects: 7,385 Japanese-American men
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A 34-year study at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu found that Japanese-American men who did not eat foods rich in vitamin D were at a higher risk for stroke than those who did.
Significance: Researchers were unsure if the data could be applied to other groups of people. Vitamin D is linked to lowered risks of cancer, diabetes and osteoporosis. LINDA CLARKE

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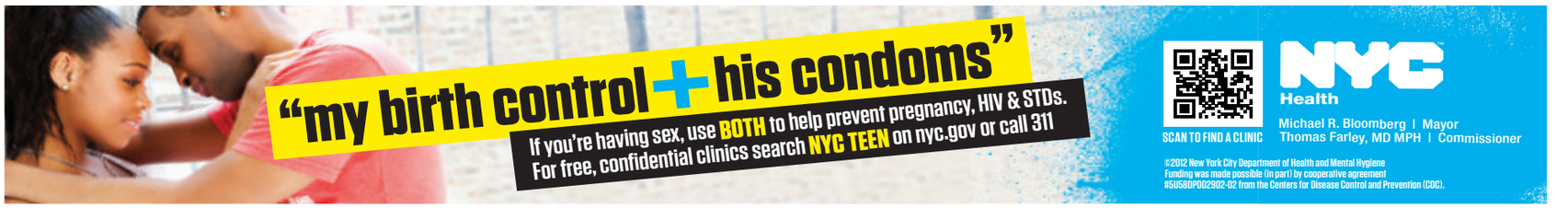
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Letters

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Responsibility for ourselves outdated?

RE: "NANNY STATE TEACHES US HOW TO GET KILLED": Legislation designed to "protect" people from themselves often creates moral hazard and a lack of individual responsibility. When ex-NFL players have concussion-related injuries later in life it is not the fault of the player who recklessly threw his body around the field. Instead, it is the fault of the NFL. I played football and baseball in high school and received concussions in both sports from my reckless style of play. I won't be asking for a handout if my injuries come back to haunt me. I chose to play those sports in that manner. Nobody forced me — and on top of that, I wasn't getting paid millions! People should be responsible for their own actions.
KELLY DONNOE, LYNBROOK

Frank St. George manages to undercut a decent argument by his usual "unconstitutional federal law" trope, which a careful reading of Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 rather conclusively disproves. Vehicular deaths in the U.S. haven't diminished in recent years, but that's hardly because of any given law from any level of government.
JOSEPH CONNELL, BROWNSVILLE

Right, Mr. St. George, motorcycle helmets cause deaths. Except according to the Center for Disease Control, which concluded that states that have helmet laws have considerably lower per-capita fatality rates from motorcycle accidents. I suppose condoms don't prevent pregnancy or STDs, either. You know, Metro, instead of always making it look like only Republicans are delusional, you really should print more letters that illustrate the delusional nature of Democrats, like that time that one guy said …. um … Or that other one when … No, that didn't happen either.
SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL

War is the best way to spread peace?

Romney just said: "A strong America is the best way to keep the peace." Someone tell that idiot we've been at war for 10 years because we were the only superpower. The Project for The New American Century decided we should bully the world while no one could stop us.
CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, BED-STUY

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Discrimination of singles unhealthy

RE: "IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, DON'T DO IT": Whoa whoa, before Daniel Jelke goes and makes divorce illegal on the basis of a Wanda Sykes bit, let's analyze why we are even having this debate. The problem stems from putting people into various groups, and then giving those groups benefits from the government. We should not be favoring any group of people over another, and we should especially not be giving out certain benefits to married people over single people. It's social engineering when you create an incentive to enter into a contract with another, and it has unintended consequences.
HANS HAUGEN, ASTORIA

For the veterans, let's stop fighting

I humbly suggest that in honor of the veterans who died in combat, we decide to stop warring.
SHIFRA FREEWOMAN, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Attend to all your responsibilities first thing – that way the boss might not mind too much if you take a longer break in the afternoon or even leave a bit early for an appointment.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Avoid an inclination to make a mountain out of any minor mishap that might occur today. It's only when we blow things totally out of proportion that they become a real problem.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** When there is something of material wealth at stake that you hope to acquire, you're likely to find the way to do so by making and following a detailed plan.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Even if you believe a certain objective is easily attainable, don't assume it's a foregone conclusion. There may be a surprise or two, so you should keep your ideas flexible.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** It's kind to give to those in need, but remember, charity should first begin at home — or at least within your intimate circle of good friends. Help those you personally know before aiding strangers.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Accept others for who they are and not for what you hope to get out of them. If you want support for something important, deal with people realistically and sincerely.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you want to have harmonious relationships with your colleagues, don't attempt to take all the credit for things that others helped play a role in bringing about. Share the limelight.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although your plans might be feasible, unless you delegate their implementation to skilled and reliable parties, success could be in question.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It's much smarter to check things out for yourself, rather than believe what another says, when you have to know the absolute facts. Don't take any chances.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Teaming up with another for a common cause might hold a special appeal to you. However, if it proves to be taking you nowhere, don't hesitate to split up and go it alone.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It's generally a mistake to allow petty politics to become an issue among friends. As a result, you or the person you are endorsing could turn out to be very unpopular.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your financial indicator could run from high to low and back again. Try to keep a cool head and you'll end up on the right side of the ledger.
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10 Dragon of song
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15 Oil barrel
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17 Banister post
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20 __ zone (ideal conditions)
22 Type of mgr.
23 Counting-out rhyme
24 Father's lad
26 Freaked out
30 Is worth it (2 wds.)
34 Happening
35 __ Gustav Jung
36 A funny Charlotte
37 Pear-shaped fruits
38 Small and shiny
40 Earthenware jar
41 Bullfight cheer
42 Fill
43 Traverse
44 Was exhausted (2 wds.)
46 Beauty-parlor item
48 Director __ Howard
49 Of enormous extent
50 Passing fancy
53 Consult oneself? (2 wds.)
59 Rajah's consort
60 Smoke detector output
61 Like baby chicks
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63 Livy's "Lo!"
64 Golfer __ Els
65 Townshend or Seeger
66 Black & Decker rival
67 Tallies

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2 Belief prefix
3 Whimper
4 Ran in the wash
5 Prominent
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7 Hundred Years' War battle site
8 Big green hero
9 Courier
10 Songs of joy
11 Strike callers
12 Ally opposites
13 Stew over
21 Meadow
25 Olive in the comics
26 Render unclear
27 St. Teresa's town
28 Desert near Sinai
29 Ques. response
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31 Synthetic fabric
32 Trumped-up
33 Thanksgiving dinner
35 Boor
38 Inducements
39 Do brunch
40 Boston Bruin great
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45 Elegant fur
46 Gretel's brother
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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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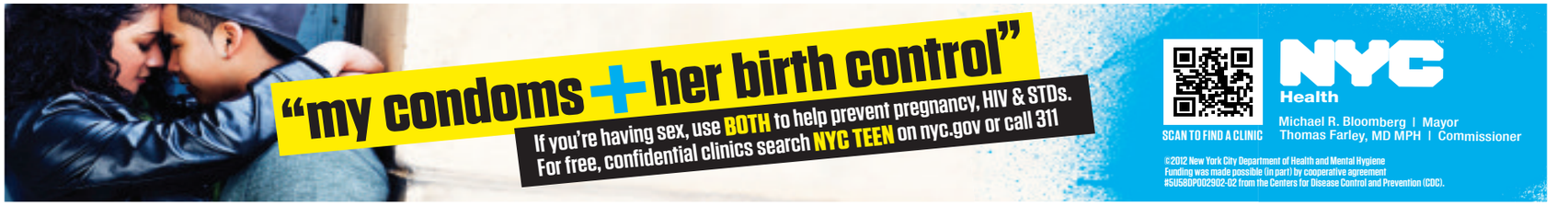
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In the news

Dolphins will star in HBO's 'Hard Knocks'

Jets fans can breathe a sigh of relief as AFC East rival Miami will be hosting the HBO docu-drama/trainwreck "Hard Knocks" this training camp. The Jets were subjects of the show two years ago and with the arrival of Tim Tebow there was speculation owner Woody Johnson would want to be featured again. Instead, we'll get to watch rookie QB Ryan Tannehill. METRO

In the news

Halladay out

The Phillies got the bad news they were dreading yesterday when they found out two-time Cy Young winner Roy Halladay will miss six to eight weeks with a lat strain.

Halladay came out of Sunday's start after just two innings complaining about shoulder stiffness. He won't need surgery, but won't pick up a baseball for a minimum of three weeks.

Devils, Kings face off in Game 1 of Stanley Cup finals tonight in New Jersey
Brodeur will be in net, just like he has been for the last 18 seasons

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'He's the best of all-time'

▶ Brodeur and the Devils host the Kings in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup tonight at 8 (NBC).

Some thirty minutes after the Devils defeated the rival Rangers in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals, Martin Brodeur faced one last question regarding the iconic 1994 playoffs.

Did this series win purge the only professional home he has ever known of the ghosts of Mark Messier and Stephane Matteau?

"I think we've won three Stanley Cups since then," Brodeur said. "But I think winning against them on the big stage, not just for me, but I think for the fans of New Jersey — the people that are supporting us and always taking a second seat to these guys for whatever reason — now they've got to be pretty happy."

The Devils enter tonight's Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals on an emotional high after vanquishing their despised rival from Manhattan. There is an acknowledged satisfaction in earning eternal bragging rights following a regular and postseason series that was marked by a dozen fights and two screaming matches between the coaches.

While the Rangers have made a living off that nearly two-decades old series win, the Devils have simply succeeded. — 15 playoff berths in 17 years, three Cups and four Cup finals appearances.

Brodeur has been there for every celebrated moment.

"He's very impressive. He's an impressive guy," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said last week. "He's a calming influence on our team and in our dressing room. That's why he's the best of all time."

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Team America

An American captain will win the Cup for the second time in NHL history — either Zach Parise or Dustin Brown.

▶ "With him it's a lot of fun; he's a special player," Brown said. **"Playing against him is not the [most fun]."**

Zajac happy to be healthy

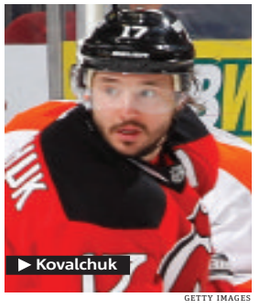
Travis Zajac has the look of a man who cannot believe his good fortune

"It's pretty wild. Obviously a dream come true. Growing up you want to play in the Stanley Cup final [and now the Devils] have that chance. Sometimes you got to pinch yourself," Zajac said yesterday. "It's been a long year."

His season started as a nightmare. Zajac missed most of the year after rupturing an Achilles tendon this offseason. He returned from Dec. 16 to Jan. 2 before being shut down for all but the final seven games of the regular season.

"We can't sidestep what his value is [with] him being in the lineup," Devils GM Lou Lamoriello said. METRO/DG

Kovalchuk finally gets recognition in playoffs



▶ Kovalchuk

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Martin Brodeur gave his blessing to the acquisition of Ilya Kovalchuk on the first morning of the rest of the left wing's NHL life.

"You play to win. He's no different. You see him react when they won the World Championships, how excited he gets when he scores, the celebrations," Brodeur said on Feb. 5, 2010. "That means that he cares."

Twenty-seven months and one 15-year, $100 million contract later, Kovalchuk has delivered.

"He's been a huge part of why we've been successful. I know it means a lot to him. He wants to compete hard. He wants to win," teammate Travis Zajac said. "When we first got him, we saw that — the type of teammate he was, the type of leader he was."

He's always faced questions as a foreign player.

"Big star from Russia. People are going to talk about that," Eric Boulton said. "It's the stereotype people in the media talk about. 'Russian players are selfish,' or 'All offense and no defense.' His game has evolved. He's come a long way." METRO/DG

Top 10 Devils moments

New Jersey hopes to add a moment or two to this list come next week
Three Stanley Cups breed a lot of heroics Metro counts them down

10 May 6, 1988 After a loss to Boston in the Wales Conference finals, coach Jim Schoenfeld yelled at ref Don Koharski, "You fat pig. Have another donut!"

9 March 17, 2009 Martin Brodeur became the NHL's all-time wins leader. No goaltender has won more games, won more playoff games or recorded more shutouts.

8 Sept. 31, 1991 An arbitrator awarded Scott Stevens to the Devils as compensation for losing Brendan Shanahan, and, in doing so, provided the franchise its cornerstone as it developed into a dynasty.

7 April 29, 2006 The 2006 conference quarterfinals were an utter domination. The Devils routed the Rangers, 17-4, in a sweep.

6 May 25, 2012 Rookie Adam Henrique slams a loose puck in the crease into a half-empty net and sends the Devils to their fifth Stanley Cup finals appearance in 17 seasons. That the goal ended the season of their hated rivals, the New York Rangers, was all the more delicious.

5 June 9, 2003 Fans will remember a then-23-year-old Mike Rupp scoring the only goal necessary in a 3-0 win over Anaheim in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals.

4 April 3, 1988 The Devils were living with the label of "Mickey Mouse franchise" until John MacLean scored a game-winner to clinch the franchise's first playoff berth.

3 June 10, 2000 Snickers abounded in the four seasons following the Devils' first Cup. That's what happens when you miss the playoffs, lose in the first round twice and are dismissed from the playoffs in five games in the second round. But Jason Arnott's goal in the second OT of Game 6 in Dallas won the franchise's second Cup.

2 June 20, 1995 The Devils officially won the Cup four nights later, but Scott Stevens ended the series for all intents and purposes with a devastating open-ice hit on Slava Kozlov. Television cameras caught Stevens telling an unseen Red Wing player that he was "next" on the future Hall of Famer's hit list.

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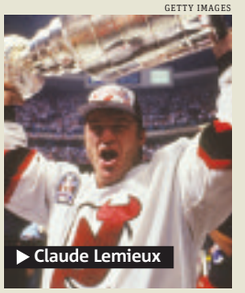

▶ Claude Lemieux

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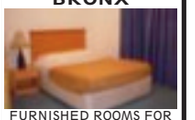

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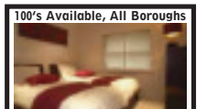

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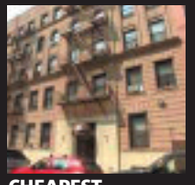

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New projects are raising the profile of a neighborhood where Central Park proximity has been overshadowed by foreclosures and dilapidated infrastructure

As the summer approaches and the market catches its post-recession bearings, no area in Manhattan has heated up as quickly as Harlem. The media has paid close attention as new condos along Central Park North and towers rising over Frederick Douglass Boulevard have led the way in the neighborhood's real estate renaissance. While residents have benefitted from new restaurants and amenities brought in by these projects, new measures are being sought by community leaders to make sure that an area with a rich heritage stays that way.

In an effort to preserve the history of the brownstone-dominated area, a report released last week from Community Board 10 has outlined a plan to establish or expand nine historic districts across Harlem. While it still needs to be approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, some of the main intentions for the proposal lie in the fear of having glass condos arise between rows of classic townhomes. The plans may help maintain Harlem's historic charm, but new data on market trends indicate that prices could push longtime residents out either way.

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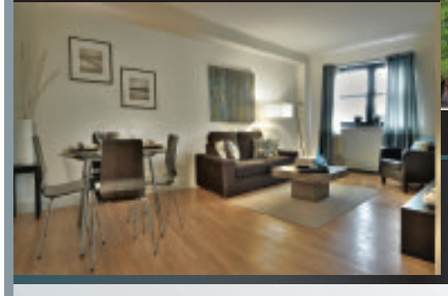

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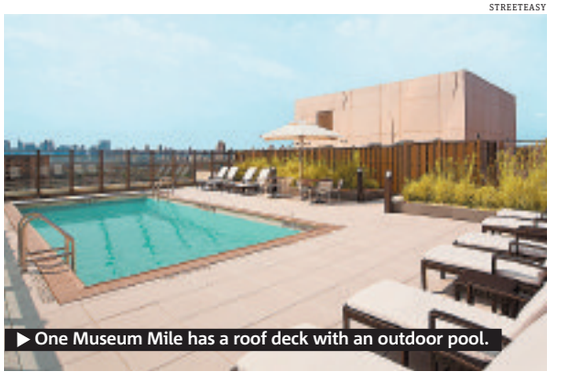

▶ One Museum Mile has a roof deck with an outdoor pool.

6.6%

Central Harlem has seen a 6.6 percent increase in median closing price, the highest of any neighborhood in the city. The supply of available apartments is down 17.7 percent from 2011.

A recent report from StreetEasy.com's VP of Research Sofia Song has shown that while prices across Manhattan have remained relatively flat since last year's first quarter, Central Harlem has seen a 6.6 percent increase in median closing price — the highest of any neighborhood in the city. Even more telling is the shrinking inventory in the area, as the supply of available apartments is down 17.7 percent from 2011.

One of the big shifts has also been in the buyers. "When federally backed lending programs started supporting home ownership for end-users, homeowners started replacing investors as the top purchasers in 2008," explains Robb Pair, the president of local brokerage Harlem Lofts. "The downturn caused some stress for many, but it was the best thing for Harlem."

Despite these trends and rising prices, luxury buyers and renters are still coming to the area for better value and amenities than they can receive anywhere else on the island. On the sales side, conversion projects such as One Museum Mile, which houses condos above the Museum for African Art at 1280 Fifth Ave., have seen success — even selling some of their pricier units, such as the $3.1 million penthouse that sold this past month. Down the street, The Related Companies have started marketing 1214 Fifth Ave., Mount Sinai's newest tower, which features 30 floors of rentals and the amenities of a luxury condo, including a pool, fitness center and a screening room.

If the rapid growth of Harlem highrises is limited as a result of new zoning restrictions, the neighborhood will need to rely on multifamily conversions to condos to keep buyers coming in. But if interest rates stay low and rents around the city continue to rise, the "renaissance" could continue for years to come.

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Off the market

Marcia Gay Harden gets $2.8M for Harlem townhouse

Actress Marcia Gay Harden sold her Harlem townhouse for $2.75

million, more than twice what she and her soon-to-be-ex-husband, Thaddaeus Scheel, paid for the home about a decade ago, according to city records filed today. The seven-bedroom home at 351 W. 120th St. between Morningside and Manhattan avenues was listed with Cathy Taub, an executive vice president at Stribling & Associates.

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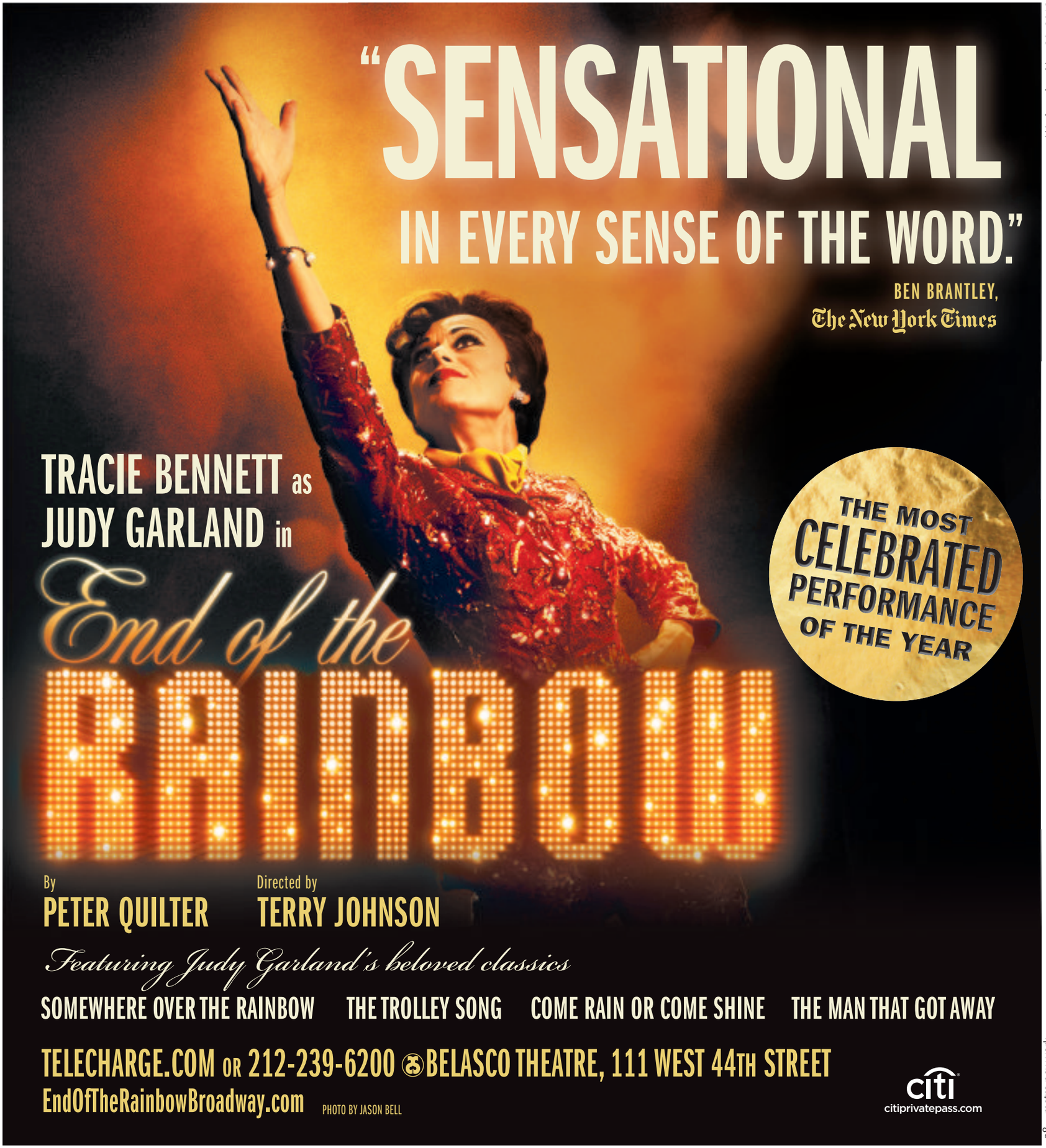
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